GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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KOLKATA-COOCH BEHAR FLIGHT
BHAWANA GAWALI (PATIL);HANNAN MOLLAH;RAOSAHEB PATIL DANVE

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal for introducing regular flight between Kolkata-Cooch Behar and Mumbai-Aurangabad-Nagpur;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken thereon;

(d) whether negotations are being held with private aviation companies in this regard; and

(e) if so, the progress made therein so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) & (b): A request was received in May,2003 from Government of West Bengal regarding introduction of air service between Kolkata and Cooch Behar. No proposal for introduction of service on Mumbai-Aurangabad-Nagpur route has been received.

(c) Due to scheduling and capacity constraints, Indian Airlines is unable to start services on new routes.

(d) to (e):- Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability A s such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines issued by the Government.